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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Arado airfield between 22 May and 11 June 1953:

22 May. There was no air activity between 7:45 a.m. and 9:10 a.m. although the weather was fair. Thirty-eight Il-10s were parked at the field. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., a Po-2 made local flights.

23 May. There was no air activity between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Between 7 p.m. and midnight, several Po-2s made individual local flights of 15 minutes.

25 May. At 5 a.m., 3 Il-10s took off for flights of about 20 minutes. Some low-level attacks were also made by these planes. Subsequently Il-10s continuously took off until about 10:15 a.m. groups of three and four planes a few times circled the field widely in close formations, the intervals and distances between the individual planes being comparatively small. Later 9 Il-10s practiced flying in squadron formation.

26 May. Between 7:30 p.m. and 0:30 a.m., Il-10s made local flights sometimes at large intervals. \_\_\_\_\_ the planes were practicing take-offs and landings as they were aloft only for a short time. There was a closed ceiling and strong wind.

27 May. There was no air activity between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thirty-six Il-10s all of them covered with tarpaulins, were parked on the dispersal areas at the western edge of the field.

29 May. Il-10s flying in elements of two practiced some low-level attacks.

1 June. Flying by individual Il-10s and a low-level attack by a formation of 7 Il-10s was observed.

5 June. Individual flying and low-level attacks in formation of two were made. An Il-10 towing an air sleeve was followed by 3 or 4 Il-10s.

8 to 10 June. Po-2s made individual flights.

9 and 11 June. Thirty-eight Il-10s each were counted at the field.

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2. In late May, a mast, 4 to 5 meters high, and with a horizontal cross of two 50-cm metal rods on top of it, was observed inside the fence at the western edge of the field 100 meters north of the AA gun emplacement.

3. Between 23 May and 8 June, the following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field.

23 May. Two Po-2s took off. No other air activity was observed, although the weather was favorable.

24 May. There was no air activity. The weather was favorable.

25 May. At 5 a.m., 8 Il-10s taxied to the southern section of the field and subsequently conducted intensive individual and formation flying until noon.

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26 May. Po-2 [redacted] landed at 7:20 a.m. and another Po-2 landed at 10:30 a.m. After a thunderstorm and strong wind, night flying by Il-10s was conducted between 6 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

27 May. There was no air activity until 3 p.m. It rained occasionally.

28 May. From 7:50 p.m. and after midnight, there was night flying by Il-10s with 3 to 4 planes being aloft at the same time.

29 May. Air activity started about noon. There was night flying after 8:50 p.m. which continued after 2:30 a.m.

1, 5 and 8 June. Individual and formation flying by Il-10s was observed. On 1 June, there was also night flying.

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Between 30 May and 8 June, white [redacted] and [redacted]

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4. Trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen entering and leaving the Pionier Kaserne at the field.

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[redacted] Comment. It is believed that Brandenburg-Arado airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 50 Il-10s. The present report indicates a total of about 38 Il-10s. It is possible that the other aircraft were parked in the hangars. Air activity was conducted according to the known pattern. Retraining of young student pilots with Po-2s continued.

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